

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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Youth Service Bureau Coordinator



YSB Advisory Minutes
May 10, 2016
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Maggie Ferron, Early Childhood Services Coordinator
Eileen Griffin, LCSW
Larry Barlow- MMS Vice Principal
Charles Leavens, MA EOS Crisis Worker
Danielle Annibalini, MSW Youth Services Social Worker

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:03 PM by Ethel Mantzaris.

II. Approval of minutes

- Approval of minutes April 12th, 2016

III. Reports

- Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak

Boy's Group: We have a list of boys referred from MMS. We are going to target boys who are now in 6th and 7th grades. Working with parks and recreation to identify a male co-leader for the group.

End of the Year activities: Cope, Big Friends and all of the projects the interns have been involved with have been completed and we are working on transitioning clients to our new social worker, Danielle.

Volunteer Recognition: Matt Hart, Mayor Paul Shapiro, Ethel Mantzaris, Eileen Griffin, council members and members of the community joined YSB in recognizing the good work of over 65 volunteers who helped YSB deliver services to over 100 Mansfield students and their families. Parents and their children were guest speakers to provide a heartfelt and personal thank you to the volunteers.

Girl's Group: Girl's group has been a successful new initiative supported by our interns and high school volunteers. This program and will continue throughout the rest of the year, including two extended girl's nights.

COPE: All families received information about summer opportunities and services including camp scholarship.

Big Friends: Many of our mentors will be retuning next year. Parents found the program to be helpful and appreciated the UConn student's commitment.

IV. Old Business

- Distribution of campership fund. Applications have been given to all of the schools to be distributed to family who may need financial assistance.

V. New Business:

- School readiness grant nearly completed
- UCONN Child Development Lab added as a School Readiness site
- Leadership Engagement Adventure Program. All three elementary schools and middle school are working together facilitate a successful transition to Middle School for participants of the Cope Program

VI. Other:

VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm, May 10th, 2016 is the next meeting.